

House Bill 258

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-8-7.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general powers and duties of the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide that  
3 planning procedures with respect to developments of regional impact shall include at least  
4 one public hearing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 50-8-7.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general powers  
8 and duties of the Department of Community Affairs, is amended by revising paragraph (3)  
9 of subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(3) The department shall develop planning procedures with respect to regionally  
11 important resources, for planning with respect to developments of regional impact, and  
12 for encouraging interjurisdictional cooperation among local governments; provided,  
13 however, that planning procedures with respect to a development of regional impact shall  
14 include at least one public hearing held in the local jurisdiction where the development  
15 of regional impact is located after adequate notice has been given. The department shall  
16 determine, in its judgment and for each region, what shall constitute developments of  
17 regional impact. Such determinations by the department shall be made for each region  
18 after receiving any necessary information from the regional development center for the  
19 region, from local governments within the region, and from others within the region. The  
20 department's determinations shall be publicly promulgated, using such means as the  
21 commissioner may determine, so that all local governments within a region will receive  
22 notice of the department's determinations affecting that region; and"

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.